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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As I said, the matter was more than once considered by the Government and they came to the decision that the institute should be continued."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"What was the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee, may I know?"

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is it not a fact that no representations have been made to the Government that the institute does not serve any useful purpose?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not think there has been any such representation."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Have the Government considered the question whether the opening of such institutes elsewhere will in any way affect the present number of pupils undergoing training in this institute?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am sorry I can't say."

Local Self-Government

Policy governing the grant of contributions by local boards and municipalities to unrecognized educational institutions.

* 771 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the local boards and municipalities are allowed to make contributions to unrecognized educational institutions; if so, under what conditions;

(*b*) who the authorities empowered to approve such contributions are;

(*c*) whether such contributions were disallowed last year and this year to any of the unrecognized institutions; if so, for what reasons; and

(*d*) whether there is any general policy to guide the approving authorities?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but subject to the previous approval of the Government in each case.

(*b*) The Local Government.

(*c*) & (*d*) The main points taken into consideration in deciding whether a contribution to a particular institution should be sanctioned or not are the nature of the management and of the accommodation, equipment and staff provided, the strength of the institution and the extent of its usefulness.

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Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know why no answer is furnished to clause (*c*) of the question—

'whether such contributions were disallowed last year and this year to any of the unrecognized institutions; if so, for what reasons;'

Were any requests turned down?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" For various reasons, several requests were turned down; if any particular instance is brought to the notice of the Government, I shall be in a position to give the necessary answer."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Because these unrecognized institutions are getting contributions from local bodies, can we take them for all practical purposes as recognized institutions?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Certainly not. Only in very rare cases such contributions are permitted. They cannot be considered as recognized institutions just because they receive grants from local bodies."

Mr. M. Devadasan:—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the contributions sanctioned by the district and local boards to recognized institutions are sanctioned by the Director of Public Instruction . . . ?"

The Hon. the President:—" We are now dealing with unrecognized institutions."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the necessity of permitting these contributions to be made after knowing that these institutions are paying their staff regularly?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Whenever any request for permission comes before the Government, the Government go into the details of the working of the institution and only in cases where they consider that the institution is properly managed that they grant such contributions."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know what the difference is between an institution which is subsidized by the Government and a recognized institution? Is there any formula by which the Government permit local bodies to give contributions to them?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The Government as a rule do not permit local bodies to pay contributions to unrecognized institutions."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" But wherever the Government have granted contributions through local bodies, I want to know if there is any formula which is different from that applying to recognized institutions?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" There is no such formula, Sir."

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Medical Administration

Admission into and discharge from the hospital attached to the School of Indian Medicine, Madras.

* 772 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds provided in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Siddha sections in the Government School of Indian Medicine; and

(*b*) the number of in-patients admitted, cured and discharged from each section monthwar from January to December 1933?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the number of beds in the Indian School of Medicine is not sufficient to provide adequate clinical instruction to the boys there? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The number of beds has been increased from time to time; of course, so far as clinical instruction is concerned, it may be advantageous to increase the number of beds; but that question cannot be considered now."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether any representations have been made to the Government for a larger number of beds being allotted? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" A number of representations have been made from time to time; and wherever possible, we have granted funds for increasing the number of beds."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether at present there is any proposal to increase the number of beds in the school? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" There is no such proposal, so far as I know."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister to consider the proposal of increasing the number of beds in the school in view of the fact that a large number of students are undergoing training in this institution? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" We shall take up this question when funds are available."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" In view of the fact that the institution has become more and more popular and the number of students also has increased, would it not be advisable for the Government to go on making provision for more beds year after year?

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have answered already that, as soon as funds are available, the Government will consider the question."

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[a] Printed as appendix on page 156 infra.